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2. Narcotics Control Group --

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a. [redacted] said that the Narcotics Control Group (NARCOG) was established 12 June 1972. He referred to [redacted] which details the responsibilities of the new CS component. He said that while NARCOG is organizationally a part of the CS, it has Agency-wide responsibilities and represents the Director on matters coming under the charter of the Cabinet Committee on International Narcotics Control. He referred to the "narcotics community" composed of the Agency, Customs, Treasury, Justice, State, Defense and the White House. He also referred to the Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention, the Federal Agency concerned with the treatment and rehabilitation of addicts.

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b. [redacted] said that there are no real precedents for handling the kinds of problems which have surfaced. This is further complicated by the fact that the Domestic Council of the White House (Mr. Egil Krogh) is responsible for coordinating the entire narcotics program, domestic and foreign. Mr.

discussed some of the critical areas for opium production, such as Burma which actually generates at least 60% of all the illicit opium produced in Southeast Asia. These Burma growing areas are inaccessible even to the Burmese Government. Refined heroin is smuggled out of Burma through Thailand and into Hong Kong and other parts of Southeast Asia.

c. When NARCOG was formed, it was envisaged that one of the principal functions would be to stimulate CS area divisions to improve the collection of narcotics intelligence that could be used by U. S. narcotics agencies abroad, principally BNDD. However, [redacted] said that thus far in his three months on the job, he has spent much of his time in what he called defensive public relations -- fielding accusations against the Agency; e.g., the recent McCoy book. His second responsibility has been responding to and cauterizing leaks.

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d. [redacted] said that NARCOG is trying to coordinate the role of the Agency in the narcotics area and is attempting to bring together efforts of various law enforcement agencies so that they may better learn how to use narcotics intelligence. He said that these agencies are not accustomed to using information, except for arrests and seizures. BNDD officers are judged by the number of arrests they make and the amount of heroin they seize. What happens to the source? There are basic philosophical differences between law enforcement agencies and the Agency about protection of sources; consequently, the result is oftentimes a leak of Agency information. As a result of past leaks, the dissemination of intelligence reports on narcotics to our customers is now being handled in a more restrictive manner.

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e. Mr. Fisher asked what is the role of the Office of National Narcotics Intelligence (ONNI) which is headed by William Sullivan. Mr. [redacted] said that this remains to be clarified. The Executive Order which established ONNI gives it the right to receive and disseminate narcotics intelligence to local police authorities. It has no authority to collect intelligence but it could perform an important role as a repository for all-source narcotics intelligence where it should be analyzed, collated, and "sense made out of it." It should concentrate on the collection and analysis of domestic intelligence, to identify the "big dealers" and syndicates. He said it is easy to round up large numbers of local street pushers but their arrest doesn't really get at the leadership elements of the syndicate. For example, it is estimated that the "big dealers" can lose two out of three shipments and still make money. The big entrepreneurs don't go out and personally handle hard narcotics; the law enforcement agencies, therefore, cannot really touch them. New approaches are needed to bring the big dealers to justice.

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f. [redacted] said that the Agency's role is largely the collection of information and production of finished intelligence. We stay away from situations involving law enforcement actions which could lead to court actions. Should our information be of such a nature to be used in court, we could get called in too. For obvious reasons, the Agency must avoid this.

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g. [redacted] said that the focus of intelligence collection at this time falls into two main areas, the first is information on highly placed officials in foreign governments, people not involved in syndicate operations. He pointed out that Latin America is a prime focus now since it is a major transshipment point for heroin from Europe to the United States. The second area of intelligence collection is in Southeast Asia and is concerned with information on refineries, production of opium, refineries and transshipment.

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h. Mr. Coffey asked [redacted] to distinguish the DDI function from that of NARCOG. [redacted] said that the DDI basically services intelligence production requirements while NARCOG is responsible for Agency-wide activities. He noted, however, that there is close continuing coordination and cooperation between the two groups and the DDI narcotics coordination staff also represents the Agency in coordination with NARCOG.

3. Status of Office Histories - Mr. Coffey

Mr. Coffey reviewed the status of the Office Histories and said that three of the histories (OTR with 12 volumes, OL with 17, and OC with 8) have been completed, although they are not yet published. OS - 9th and final history is in the Historical Staff now. It will require revision and retyping. OMS - 1 history completed; 6 outstanding. OP - 11 completed; 3 outstanding. OF - 2 history, presently being revised and retyped.

4. Continuation of OPRED through FY '74 - Mr. Coffey

Mr. Coffey stated that OPRED controls and procedures remain in effect through the end of FY '74. There is no anticipation at this point that the controls will be lifted.

5. Training for the Distaff Side - Mr. Coffey

Mr. Coffey said that he had requested and received a review of participation of female employees in Agency training programs. He specifically referred to the Mid-Career Course and said that, out of 1,071 attendees, only 26 have been women. There are 10 women in the Support Directorate who meet the basic criteria for selection and eligibility for the Mid-Career Course: 1 from the Office of Finance, 1 from the Office of Training and 8 from the Office of Personnel. Mr. Coffey urged the Office Heads to consider all eligible women for upcoming training experiences.

6. Release of Agency Information to Representatives of Public Information Media - Mr. Coffey

Mr. Coffey reviewed HN [redacted] (28 August 1972). He stated that Agency employees must be particularly careful of any conversations that they might have with representatives of the media. He said that the notice came about as a result of a disclosure of CIA information by a columnist in which an Agency employee was cited as the source.

7. Mr. Coffey referred to the decision written by Chief Judge Clement F. Haynesworth on 11 September by the Fourth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals which upheld the authority of the Agency in the Victor Marchetti case to impose secrecy on its employees. He said that the secrecy oath per se was not upheld, but rather the secrecy agreement signed at EOD, which is viewed as a contract between the Agency and the employee. The scope of the secrecy agreement is limited to matters that have been classified. The opinion supports the responsibility of the Director for protecting intelligence sources and methods. It is anticipated that there will be an appeal to the Supreme Court. Mr. Coffey said that an employee bulletin is being prepared.

8. Around the Table

a. Mr. Fisher pointed out that the President will recommend a pay raise effective 1 January 1973. The President still has the right to recommend a change in executive pay by 1 January 1973, but if no action is taken by that date, the next date for recommendation will be 1 January 1974.

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b. [redacted] said that arrangements have been made for Agency official visitors to visit the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Those interested should contact [redacted]

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d. Dr. Tietjen stated that the medical staff is poised and ready for the flu vaccination program. The first running of the smokers' clinic has been completed.

e. Mr. Cunningham read a citation from [redacted] in which Mr. Coffey was certified as a qualified offensive/defensive driver after participating in the recent defensive driving course.

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f. Mr. Blake said that he had an indication of a forthcoming request by the Department of Justice for briefing boards and graphics excerpted from the Cabinet Committee report on the World Opium Survey for 1972. Justice is apparently planning to send 45 attorneys on a lecture tour of the United States. Mr. Blake said that it would be a sizeable job, and while he perceived no objection per se to the work, he seriously questioned the legal point of the Agency performing unclassified work in the public printing sector.

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